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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :

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SERIAL NO.: 10/579,798 :

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FOR: LOW CARBON COMPOSITE FREE-CUTTING STEEL
PRODUCT EXCELLENT IN ROUGHNESS OF FINISHED
SURFACE AND METHOD FOR PRODUCTION THEREOF

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 10, 2008, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page 7 of this paper.